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## REQUEST

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Box No. I	TITLE OF INVENTION				BLASTING PROCESS OF ACIDIC GASES IN GASEOUS EFFLUENTS			
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## Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: * regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) April 11, 2003	MI2003A 000765	IT		
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☐ all items   
 ☒ item (1)   
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 ☐ item (3)   
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\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): . . . .

**Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / . EP . . . . .

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)                      Number                      Country (or regional Office)

**Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS**

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)             | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor   | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)            | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent             | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)           | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | : |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv) | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) will follow                   | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)             | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty   | : |

**Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP** (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)  
*The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))  
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I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/..... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications: ..MI2003A.000765..... April 11, 2003.....

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

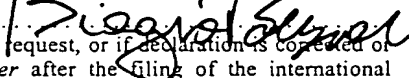
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**Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING**

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claims : 03	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: .....	:
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drawings : 01	6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): will follow .....	:
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tables related thereto :	9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings in computer readable form (indicate type and number of carriers)	:
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 01

Language of filing of the international application: English

**Box No: X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE**

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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Annex to the Request

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